GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON VULGAR FILMS/PROGRAMMES ON DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about declining standard of DD programmes during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to impose ban on the telecast of vulgar films and other such programmes on DD;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan continuously receives suggestions for improvement in programming.

(d) to (f): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan does not telecast vulgarfilms and other such programmes on Doordarshan. Feature films telecast on Doordarshan are only `U` certified films by CBFC and they are also previewed forensuring their suitability for family viewing.